



**INFORMATION BULLETIN**  
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# **FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

## **Church Burglaries**

The Long Beach Police Department wants you to be aware of a series of commercial burglaries to churches in your area since June 2003. The area of concern is the Los Altos/East Long Beach area. Some of the church's impacted are: Our Lady of Refuge, Lakewood Village Church, St. Cornelius Catholic School, Unitarian Universalist Church, Los Altos United Methodist Church, Long Beach Sagely Monastery and First Church of Nazarene.

The suspect(s) enter into the churches by either prying a window from a door, breaking a window, jimmied a door or entered via an unlocked door. In two of the cases, suspects were seen. Suspects are described as a M/W 5'9", 150-170, 20-30 years, brown hair, fit and handsome and a M/W 6'0", 220, 35-39 years, brown hair. The loss includes cash and possibly credit card numbers.

The Long Beach Police Department's Burglary Detail is asking for your assistance in reducing church burglaries by reviewing your security procedures. The following tips will help with your church security.

- Check to make sure you lock your doors and windows.
- Keep your file cabinets closed and locked.
- Install video monitoring equipment.
- Have your interior lights on a timer.

If you have any questions, leads or clues to the suspect(s) in these burglaries, please contact Detective Jennifer Valenzuela or Sergeant Steve Laing, Long Beach Police Department's Burglary Detail (562) 570-7351. If you have an emergency or you witness a crime in progress, please call 9-1-1. For additional information regarding crime prevention topics, please contact the Community Relations Division at (562) 570-7215.

